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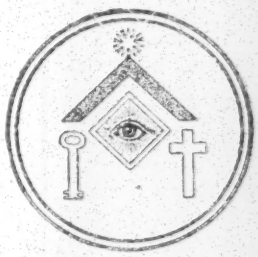
Behold, I give  unto thee a key.

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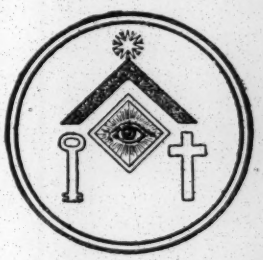
Behold, I give  unto thee a key.

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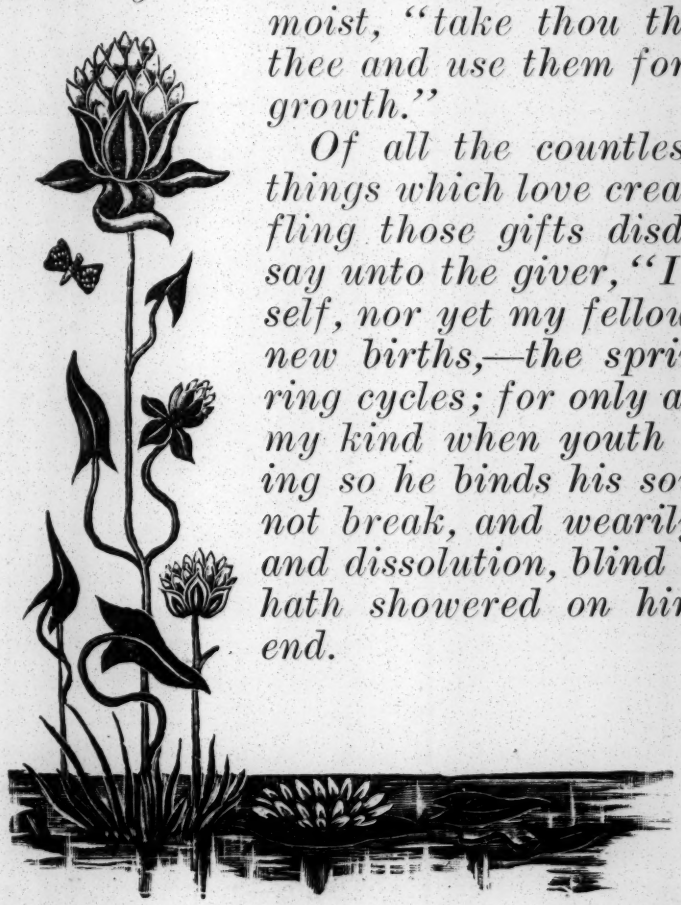

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THE FOURTEENTH ANNUAL CONVENTION OF TEMPLE MEMBERS.

Saturday evening, August 2, the usual preliminary and social meeting of members was held in the parlors of the Halcyon Sanatorium, where the program of meetings was given out. The evening was given up to music and social intercourse. The utmost feeling of unity and harmony was evident to all and the evening was a prelude to meetings to follow that were out of the ordinary in the spirit of harmony and good fellowship and brotherly love that all who participated felt deeply.

Musical numbers of the highest excellence were rendered by Dr. Little, Miss Agnes Liberty, Mr. Westfelt and Mrs. M. K. Lowe.

Refreshments were served by the Reception Committee and the members then dispersed to reassemble on the morrow for the first meeting of this Fourteenth Convention.

FIRST MEETING OF THE CONVENTION.

The meeting was opened by Dr. W. H. Dower invoking the blessings of the Masters on all the deliberations. After appropriate musical selections the reports of the Temple officers were presented.

THE CONVENTION MESSAGE FROM MASTER H.

Read by The Guardian in Chief.

I am asked for a word of greeting to the Templars in assembly. What more can I say than has been said repeatedly, by all methods of communication between God and man and will continue to be so repeated at corresponding cyclic steps through coming ages; for the fundamentals of all religions, all science, all government rests and must ever rest on the one base;—Self responsibility. Without intuitive perception of that one fundamental base there is no possibility of advance on the one essential line commonly termed occultism. The said base of self responsibility is all inclusive.

One generation, one race, of warriors after another arise and pass before the grand reviewing stand of the earth's regent. One here, one there, out of these milliards of human beings catch sight of the raised hand which beckons him into the arena of fierce trial, goes down before some unexpected onslaught, or wins a great victory and takes his place amidst the winners—the heroes of life; it may be to be forgotten in the world of things, but to be eternally loved and honored by those who have fought a like fight and therefor who know the worth of the warrior and the fierceness of the struggle. "A poor reward," say you, from the standpoint of the world. I answer, yes, but a reward beyond compare to the warrior who knows that he has lifted the whole human race a certain definite,—mathematically ex-

act—degree, as a result of his perseverance and faithfulness to the trust placed in him.

If the enlisted warrior, the pledged disciple of the White Lodge, can be content to sit back with the shouting, vacillating multitude and leave the defense of the sacred cause in the hands of a few worn and battered warriors,—those warriors whose devotion to their fellow disciples has been the inciting cause of their continued struggle,—his loss will be beyond measurement. When worldly gain has been the cause of the indifference of lethargy of such an one the loss sustained will be increased by half, for he will have neither spiritual treasure nor power to benefit from material treasure.

Do not imagine that physical, mental or financial limitations, or the failure of others to live up to your ideal, will excuse you from action. Do not permit lack of confidence in the war tactics of some general who has been selected to lead a charge, to tempt you into revolt. You are not yet familiar with the whole plan of campaign.

I tell you truly, you are only accountable for your own acts and your non-action. If you are set to guard a pass, to deliver an order, to carry a load of ammunition or provender to your fellow warriors, if your place is at the camp-fire, the water casks, or in the performance of the scavenger work, the result of some impending battle may rest entirely on your ability to perform the task assigned to you. The lives or the highest interests of the whole army may depend upon your faithfulness to the trust placed in you. Then to whom is honor due? On whom should condemnation fall, for a cause lost or won?

A world, a nation, a cause, a man is no wiser, no stronger, no greater than its least constituent or participant.

It is said "the wisdom of man is foolishness with God." The wisdom of man circles around and strives to direct matter in mass; the wisdom of God permeates and directs the minutiæ. The mass follows the law set into action within the minutiæ.

Has it ever dawned on you that the least one among your number might prevent the coming of an Avatar to this earth plane for a definite period of time? Think of this, you who underestimate your own power, or overestimate the power of some other one. You may hold in your hand the destiny of a cause, a nation, a world, and still be a weakling in the eyes of the world. If this be true of the weakling what of the strong man or woman who has accepted some great trust, and either betrays his trust or permits it to fail through indolence, faithlessness or self conceit?

What of the man to whom has been given a great talent which if rightly used would awaken a nation to some peril and point out a way of escape, but who persists in burying himself in the backwoods, thus ignoring the unspoken cry of the multitude? Who can measure the final results of either the act or the restraint of action in such an instance? The spiritual and material interest of other souls are hanging on the decisions you make this day. To every adult there comes a supreme moment of choice; that choice will rest on his previous decisions.

For a period of fourteen years, at least once in each one of these years, I have told you in no uncertain tones of the great world changes taking

place or about to take place, all making for one grand finale. To this day but a small number out of the thousands who have heard or read my messages have sufficiently realized the vital importance of those messages to yield themselves unreservedly to the performance of the mission given them. Almost any trivial cause answers for an excuse for flagrant disobedience or unwillingness to bear some part of the burden placed on the whole.

I have told you of the indescribable holocaust, the slaughter, the shambles, the wreck and ruin of uncounted milliards of homes; of nations to be wiped from the face of the earth—the results of the accumulated karma of the world,—the nations and the peoples of those nations. I have told you of a way by which a nucleus could be saved as the seed of a new race, a new people,—a way which prefigures the protection of that seed by a certain division of the Great White Lodge; and yet my words fall so lightly on many ears that the first inclination toward self indulgence, the first excuse for unfulfilled duties, the first opportunity to cast a stone or bar the way for a fellow disciple, and all I have said is forgotten or ignored. You might as well be at the ends of the earth as to be on this particular spot as far as any protection of ours is concerned if that firmly welded non-breakable center of which I have so often told you is not formed.

Unless each disciple is as one among other spokes in a wheel, all running to a hub, and circumscribed by the rim of protection which the White Lodge can throw around such a living geometrical figure, we could do nothing of moment in the way of salvage or protection in the event of great catastrophies. You do not yet understand the action of the energies which control matter en masse, and consequently do not realize that the Templars form a distinct group on exact geometrical and mathematical lines on the astral plane, a form which you have been building up during past ages. The said energies can only act on the geometrical lines of that figure, as far as you collectively are concerned. If you break up the corresponding figure on the plane of matter you also disarrange its constituent lines on the interior planes, and as we can act only in accordance with natural law you may render us incapable of helping or protecting you in any crisis, by the disarrangement of the lines through which the forces required can pass.

I am speaking to you collectively as Templars. The same laws govern all other groups of people in the world who are in similar forms. Ignorance, non-recognition of vital truths, repudiation of place, position and duty are fast pulling down or putting up barriers which will inevitably result in such world wide calamity as I have indicated.

It may be that the Theosophists—the Templars and others, must again witness or be partakers in such scenes before they will consent to heed the warnings brought to them through such stress and strain as the last quarter of a century has witnessed. All theosophists are Templars whether or not they have yet awakened to that reality, and it is to all of these I have now spoken, not to this small assemblage alone, but on you alone rests the responsibility of awakening many others to that fact.

The one last word I would leave with you is "SELF-RESPONSIBILITY."

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BY THE TREASURER.

"Father of all—God!—what we have is of thee; take our thanks and bless us, that we may continue to do thy will."

This, the prayer of the Wise Men, before partaking of their simple repast, having met at last in the desert, guided each in his solitary course by the same star, is the prayer O Father, we too offer thee.

As with them too we offer it simultaneously, with heads bowed forward, with hands crossed upon our breasts, in wonderment and awe—for each one speaks in a language never before heard by the others, yet understanding perfectly, recognizing by the miracle, the Divine Presence.

Having traveled the wastes alone, having partaken of the food and wine of the Spirit Fruit—now let us—wayfarers in a strange land, converse together for a brief period in the sweetness of friendship's name, for before us yet lie many days of companionship, and it is time we knew each other.

The Greek first—

"What I have to tell, my brethren, is so strange that I hardly know where to begin and what I may with propriety speak. I do not yet understand myself. The most I am sure of is that I am doing a Master's will and that the service is a constant ecstacy. The mind reasoned to a point to a dead impassable wall. I cried aloud for help, but no voice came to me over the wall. I chastened my soul with a new prayer that I might be permitted to see the King when He was come, and worship Him."

"One night, as I sat by the door of my cave suddenly on the sea below I saw a star begin to burn, slowly rise, draw nigh, until it stood over the hill and above my door."

"I fell down and slept and in a dream I heard a voice say: 'Thy faith hath conquered. In the morning arise, go meet thy brothers and keep trust in the Spirit that shall guide thee.'"

The Hindoo next—"At last, ah, with what years of toil, I stood in the perfect day and beheld the principle of life, the element of religion, the link between the soul and God—Love."

"One night I walked by the shores of the lake and spake to the listening silence. Suddenly a light began to glow, a star arose, moved toward me, and stood overhead. The brightness stunned me. While I lay upon the ground I heard a voice of infinite sweetness say 'Thy love hath conquered. In the morning arise, go meet thy brothers. Put all thy trust in the Spirit which shall guide thee.'"

The Egyptian last, with much dignity—"So much do false deities crowd every place, to redeem the race, to redeem the race, God must make himself once more manifest. He must come in person."

"One night I walked in the orchard close by the little sea. One star seemed to leave its place, move toward me, stand over my head, apparently in hand's reach. I fell down and hid my face. A voice not of the earth said: 'Thy good works have conquered. The redemption cometh. In the morning arise, go meet thy brothers. Put all thy trust in the Spirit which shall guide thee.'"

By a simultaneous impulse the three joined hands.

And now lingereth the Fourth Wise Man. We of the Temple, of

Humanity, who have not yet been able to reach the appointed meeting place, because others even weaker than we have had need of our camels for service.

But even so, the Shining One hath drawn near—paused for a time—hath enveloped us in the light of His Presence, and hath bid us journey on.

This, dear friends, is the true report of the past year.

This, comrades of the Path, is the offering we have in hand. This Preserver in Life's conflicts is the treasure saved within the covenantal ark.

Materially speaking, we stand about as we did last year. A little more to the good in that we have gradually decreased our printing bills and expenses. THE ARTISAN has been reduced to a fewer number of pages that this might be better accomplished; a fact to be regretted should it have to be continued.

Those who heard last year's report will no doubt remember the statements in regard to Temple finances, the incredibly small amount of means for the promotion and support of the work. We will not reiterate them today, only so far as to bring into the strongest relief possible the significance and importance of the Helping Hand as the means by which the work can be more thoroughly established, more widely spread, more systematically supported, be put more within reach of the people whom we are endeavoring to touch.

The general extension of the work depends entirely upon the dues and Helping Hand, and if they fall short the work is retarded accordingly. If the Helping Hand offerings are liberal and regular the whole work feels it in the greater activity put forth, the diffusion of the forces given to us for the world in the return wave received thereby.

The regular Helping Hand communication of the past year was sent in the form of a personal letter, for several reasons; that expense of printing might be saved and that the personal concentration given thereby might bring about a closer contact than a purely circular letter could possibly do.

The result desired was obtained to considerable degree by so doing and a number of substantial and beautiful responses were received. Determination, devotion, perseverance, went to work and created conditions which made it possible to respond in ways most unexpected to the contributors themselves, showing that to great extent it depends upon the individual attitude, effort, interest, will, to make the Helping Hand a recurrent wave of force to and fro between the Centre and the members—for mutual helpfulness, spiritually, mentally and materially, drawing all together in a feeling that passeth understanding.

So in this year's report we would if possible sow the seed of import for the Helping Hand, for a new cycle of service, to grow into a perfect plant for the benefit of the work on all planes, and that when we part to go our several ways, not only we but the world also will have learned a new lesson—that Heaven must be *won*, not by the sword, not by human wisdom, but by Faith, Love and Good Works—so that suddenly there will flare before us that flambent flame and with hearts beating fast, with souls thrilling we will shout as with one voice, the Star, the Star.

God is with us.

JANE W. DOWER.

BY THE OFFICIAL HEAD.

Dear Comrades of the Temple:

Another year of Temple history has passed into the Great Beyond. On the threshold of another year of Temple endeavor, I can feel that great constructive forces are at hand for our use if we will use them for building more solidly the foundations of the Temple movement. If we do not avail ourselves of the great Master forces pouring into the Temple aura, it is because we lack that naturalness, simplicity and humility that can catch and hold the Divine fires and render into white incandescence the vehicles, lamps, of the lower self through which the Holy Presence of the Master Self may impart its light and power of wisdom and knowledge.

The testing forces of the year past have operated to embrace the power of discrimination of members in the field of principle versus personality. And this is always one of the greatest tests that may befall the student for the subject may be viewed from many angles and there are innumerable hues of sophistry that almost deceive the very elect. In this maze of mental intricacies and jungle of thought-forms, the one hope of the true chela is to lay hold of the fundamental line which makes for righteousness without distinctions of personalities and hold fast to that till the storm is over and the eyes may again behold with no uncertainty the True Path to follow. And while doing this as to fundamentals and in general, in particular and detail, to avoid the subject of personalities, or the taking sides *pro* or *con.* Personalities are sacred in the sense that we have no more right to unfavorably discuss a personality to another than we would have to take another's purse or property of any kind. For your personality belongs to *yourself* and in occult life we have no right to penetrate the aura of another lest we fall into black magic.

The Need of the World.

The world cannot be regenerated *en masses.* As God Himself is perfected by the perfection of His minute parts, as the Universe is perfected, redeemed, by the gradual redemption and regeneration of its atoms and cells and minuatiæ, so humanity will only be regenerated by the perfection of its units, one by one. We cannot attain a perfect social order of life until law and order in accord with natural and divine law reigns and obtains in the life and feelings of the mass of units making up the human family. To arrive at this in the right way we must not try to legislate goodness into people or lay down arbitrary rules and laws for them to follow outwardly, but to give humanity through its individual units that Light that will plainly show the true path to follow if they would attain true happiness and gain the blessing which the Deity has ordained for all. Therefore, a RIGHT PHILOSOPHY, and *science* of life out of which comes naturally as the fruit from the blossom, a RIGHT RLIGION which simply means putting into outer action and living the truths of natural and divine life, not once a week but every minute of time. Then, if a Right Science, Religion and philosophy are needful for the true helping of humanity where may we go for such and how put it forth. This Science, philosophy and religion have always been for the world to take, but in the main it is the stone—Truth—rejected, because humanity in its childhood is bound by the chains of ignorance. From time immemorial the Great

Ones who watch and guide the evolution of world and races have ever kept the stream of knowledge and wisdom on life's mysteries fresh for all to drink therefrom and be refreshed who were ready to drink from such waters. Imperishable records exist that can never and will never be lost to humanity and which records or parts thereof are put forth from time to time through one channel or another as humanity may need the same. The symbol of that book and those records which contain all knowledge and wisdom on the mysteries of life and being on the seven planes is referred to in Revelations as the Master of Masters sitting on the Throne holding in his right hand a closed book sealed with seven seals, a seal for each plane. This is the CELESTIAL RECORD ever available to those who have the eyes to see and when one has made the correlation with the various planes you do see, cannot help seeing more than you can help seeing physical things with normal physical sight.

The Paths to the Great White Throne are Infinite. Not necessarily through books or so called learning, but through Life, through Science, Art, through the Stars, color, form, metals, sounds—all reveal aspects of the Great Synthetic Truth—and even those whose intellects are limited, whose intuititions are as yet undeveloped even to the laborer in the ditch, the man with hoe and pick, even he wends his way to knowledge and power of the White One on the Throne by simple service—by work, for he is engaged in the sacred service of using his life forces constructively and building up a higher grade of matter in his physical and mental body thereby, in other words, spiritualizing the grosser matter of the physical plane and thus being an *agent* in helping on the Christly work of the redemption of all matter. This common thing we call life is so common, is almost becoming vulgar in our thought and so we forget it is God Himself who flows in our veins, who animates our hearts, who *feels* and thinks and aspires and works *in us*. The only charge made on us by the Deific One is that we do not misuse this Divine Force which ever flows into us, but always to use it for upbuilding and for the glory of God in whom we have our Being, thus glorifying all.

In this age, the Secret Doctrine and kindred works have all the truth that humanity can possibly assimilate for thousands of years. So the world does not need more books, or more teachings but it does need to understand and apply the teachings already given out in this age with such abundance. In other words the world needs to be instructed in the art of living and being shown how to apply this great body of knowledge which the Masters have poured out and make it a living power in their lives. To do this will require great revolutions in thought and methods for nearly everything that the world thinks and does now is inverted thinking and inverted doing from the standpoint of the true and natural—which is also the Divine. Hence it is so difficult to change the present momentum and trend of human thought and endeavor, but the work has begun and the last thirty years have seen tremendous changes and the new thought forms with which the inner mental air is now filled is changing and modifying the trend and aim of human thought in every field of action—it is the great leavening proces going on in the world predicted by H. P. Blavatsky as a result of the outpouring of the Theosophical Teaching and forces. The world is greatly helped by every new constructive thought recorded on the inner ether. Not many are capable

of thinking a new spiritual thought, it is a divine creation and requires correlation with the various planes. Once born, however, it is a Light on the inner mental planes and thousands and millions of unlighted thought-candles of other minds are lighted from this without diminishing its power in the least. As this leavening process goes on, as humanity applies this knowledge and wisdom making it a power in its daily life, the ideals of the world change; ne note them now, both in religion, in Science, in Art and Music, Literature and all fields of human aetion, until to apply it in its extreme illustration, the time will come when the man or woman who has the most power in the world will not be he who has millions of wealth or property but he or she who has most spiritual gold to give out to the world most abundantly.

During the past year, the most momentous event in Temple history, an event the importance of which can not be calculated, was the reception and transmitting of additional Stanzas of Dzyan through the Temple to the world. As these Stanzas were from the same Master source as the Stanzas received by H. P. Blavatsky and on which the first two volumes of the Secret Doctrine are based, the imparting of additional Stanzas to and through The Temple attest it as the natural continuation of that line of Lodge work started through Blavatsky. This was the claim of the Temple from the start and all things continue to work together to prove the truth of claim more and more as the years roll on.

The outer work known as the Temple Home Association with its co-operative ideal has taken much thought and energy the past years and has not as yet been able to bring forth the outer conditions that so many members hope for, but while the material results have been small yet a rich harvest of invaluable experiences has been garnered that will be of inestimable service when the next upwave comes to help on that outer work. The Social Science aspect of the Temple must not be lost sight of for it is one of the fundamental planks on which the work is based, for right sociological conditions must be ushered in before the great truths of the Wisdom Religion can become *operative* in the life of the New Humanity.

The Great Work of the Temple.

The great work then of the Temple is to bring down to the comprehension of the masses the great natural and divine truth on which all things are built, to externalize thereby a system of true thought, or philosophy, which put into outer action generates a natural religion of life which unmistakably points the way to what is right and what is wrong, what is the path of happiness and what is not, in such terms and by such irresistible logic that humanity will be drawn into the current of Light naturally. In other words mere belief and faith in beings and creeds will have passed and humanity will *know* by its own inherent insight, and the knowledge and light available which the Temple of the People, the Church of Light will radiate into the world. Slowly but surely during the past fourteen years have we Templars been building the foundations of this great work. We have done more than we are aware of from outer appearances, for we have prepared a matrix with which the Great Master may correlate with power and effect when the hour strikes. The devils of Eighth Sphere, we know, have tried to kill us by every device known to infernal spirits but we have

only been strengthened by the battle with the spirits of evil, our armor is but the brighter for the fray and as a solid phalanx the Old Guard of Temple Warriors press forward to clear the path of all the dark forces which by very nature of the unregenerated state of matter ever obstruct the Great Work of the Lodge of Light. So at this time and hour there is no greater and truer charge that can be given us than the charge given to the founders of the work by the Great Master at the beginning, namely: WARRIORS OF LIGHT, I SALUTE YOU IN THE NAME OF THE GREAT WHITE BROTHERHOOD. GO FORTH TO BATTLE WITH THE POWERS OF DARKNESS ARMED WITH SWORD OF THE SPIRIT OF LIGHT, THE BREASTPLATE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS, THE HELMET OF ETERNAL TRUTH. SEE TO IT THAT NO STAIN REST ON THAT ARMOR, NO RUST ON THAT SWORD THAT YE MAY ALL BE ONE WITH US ON THAT GREAT DAY—BE WITH US.

BY THE SCRIBE.

The Temple Scribe, Mr. Ernest Harrison, called attention to the fact that many new members have affiliated during the past year and some have gone out, but the Temple has held its own so far as membership is concerned and through a very trying year at that. Through legal and other forms of persecution, those in charge at the Centre have been put to great strain and trial. The fact however that the Heads of the work successfully overcame all this opposition and came out as victors for the work in every instance ought to prove to any one the great Lodge power that are back of them.

The following signed by all the members of Trust Seekers' Square of Meriden, Conn., was read. Other letters will be printed later if space permits:

To Our Comrades in Convention Assembled:

Once again the yearly Temple cycle has rolled around and we believe it is the proper time for each member individually and the members collectively to review the Temple work that has been done in the past year, and for each member individually to honestly inquire of their own ego whether their thoughts and actions during the cycle just passed have been of a nature to help or retard the work. We are all aware that the work has been greatly hampered during the past year by reason of the actions of certain persons, and as usual the work has been hurt more by those within the household, than without, and we believe that this is the time that we should face ourselves and see if we may not by criticism, unkind thoughts, or indifference have added to the burden of those who have borne the brunt of the work. We believe that each Convention is the time when the great Servants of the White Lodge strike a new and higher keynote in the work, and that all the loyal Temple members should respond with a firmer determination to master within themselves those tendencies which tend to retard the work and their own progress and strive to develop within themselves those noble qualities of Truth, Love and Harmony which will make them true workers in the

Master's work, and thus help the great cause represented by the Temple of the People organization.

We trust that your Convention will prove a time of peace, harmony and good will so that the keynote which will be radiated from thence throughout the world will carry with it a higher vibration and a greater help to discouraged humanity than ever before. With this end in view we again pledge ourselves to endeavor in every way possible to help the work of the Lodge and in upholding the hands of the agents of the Lodge and we send to you, one and all, our love and loyal support in all your deliberations which are calculated to further the interests of Brotherhood.

After the Reports were read Mr. A. S. Raleigh was invited to address the meeting which the brother did interestingly and fittingly. It was announced that another time would be set for visiting members to hold forth in Temple talks, and after some appropriate musical selections, the first meeting of the Convention adjourned with the singing of the Consecration Hymn.

SUNDAY EVENING MEETING.

Sunday Evening at the Temple Cottage Headquarters, there was held the Annual meeting of the Order of the 36, with celebration of the Feast of Expectation.

At this time Dr. G. B. Little of Palo Alto was ordained to the Priesthood of The Temple of the People.

MONDAY'S MEETINGS.

In the afternoon at 2:30 p. m. Mr. A. S. Raleigh, Occult Head of the Hermetic Brotherhood and member of occult orders with Headquarters in India and among the Toltecs of Mexico, gave a splendid lecture on the occult interpretation of the Magic Skin by Balzac. This was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Monday evening a private meeting for members of the 28 was held at the Cottage Headquarters.

TUESDAY MEETING.

The Annual Meeting of the Temple Home Association was held at 2 p. m. The report of the Board of Directors to the members was read and approved.

After the reading of reports, an election of directors was held

to fill the places of Ernest Harrison and Mrs. Ida J. Wilkins whose terms expired. Mr. Harrison was re-elected and Mr. W. H. Thompson was elected to fill the place of Mrs. Wilkins who has been ill and who requested that some one else be elected to fill her place for the ensuing term. It was a very harmonious Temple Home Association meeting and a spirit of unity prevailed deeply felt by all. Important resolutions were introduced that the Directors are expected to work on in the near future that may put the outer work on a better and more effective basis.

TUESDAY NIGHT.

Tuesday evening the Temple Builders with the assistance of some of the older Builders gave a dramatic representation of Longfellow's "Hiawatha" in an open air theatre on the Halcyon grounds. The parts were rendered in appropriate Indian costume and was very effective played under the stars. The idea conveyed by this has taken hold and perhaps there will be mystical plays enacted at Convention time each year hereafter.

WEDNESDAY.

The usual all day picnic was held at the beach and a most enjoyable day spent by all in relaxation. Thanks are due Mr. A. R. Bardrick for the substantial feast he contributed to the occasion.

THURSDAY.

Thursday night, the evening was given up at the Halcyon to a discussion of the needs of the Temple Home Association, and what was the best to do in connection with that organization. The sense of the meeting seemed to be that the T. H. A. should continue its existence, trimming its sails to meet present emergencies and await the time when it could go ahead better equipped to carry out its real mission in connection with the Temple work.

FRIDAY.

Friday evening the visiting members made Temple Talks at

the Temple Cottage Headquarters. The speakers were John O. Varian, Mrs. Varian, Dr. G. B. Little, Mr. Mohr, and Mr. A. S. Raleigh who gave a fine definition of the work of the Temple from the cosmical aspect.

SATURDAY.

Saturday, a smoker was held in the medical rooms of the Halcyon. Pipes, tobacco and cigars were furnished and a heap big smoke was made by all of the tribe who were addicted to the occult weed. Those who did not smoke held a musicale in the parlor though the smoker was so attractive that even some of the ladies ventured in and—but—then! Much talk, much smoke, and much peace rolled upward in clouds to the home of the Great Spirit—Gitchie Manito—the Mighty.

SUNDAY.

Sunday afternoon at the Cottage Headquarters Building Mr. Raleigh gave an occult interpretation of the Garden of Allah. This was an advertised public meeting and all who attended enjoyed the lecture exceedingly, both for its comprehensive occultism and its mode of presentation. This closed the meetings of the Fourteenth Convention.

CONVENTION REFLECTIONS.

The Fourteenth Convention was a convention of harmony, peace and unity, and assuredly marks an epoch in the Temple work.

It is a pity that more could not have been in attendance and caught the spirit of the Unifier so plainly pervading all the meetings.

Mr. A. S. Raleigh came from Oklahoma to attend the Convention. On the Friday succeeding the Convention week this mystic brother gave a magnificent lecture on "The Lost Word," at the Temple Cottage. It was intended for deep students and all present appreciated its profound scope and occult comprehensiveness. A strong inner tie was made between this brother and the Centre which will bear fruit later.

Many letters were received from members in various sections wishing success to the Convention in terms of earnest devotion. Too bad all cannot be printed, but they are inscribed on the imperishable records of the inner light and there radiate their spirit of light and devotion.

At the close of the Convention along came Mr. H. Dunn, a most earnest devotee of the Bahai movement. He was invited to address the Sunday meeting on the 10th and gave a most interesting exposition of the work and teachings and mission of Abdul Bahai.

The Temple has always stood for the universal principle of toleration and encourages the friendly mingling with other occult societies—that each may give its teachings and mission one to the other for the sake of Truth.

THE HOSTING.

It was out of a year of strife and discord, the clan came at last to the Hosting;
It was a hard thing to be knowing friend from enemy, and the battle raging;
Many a savage blow was struck in the heat of anger;
There were open, gaping wounds upon our hearts, and we coming homeward.

It was the Great Warrior of the Light who was speaking to us inwardly, and we assembled;
In his voice was the healing of heart wounds;
In his words the clearing of vision.

The heart wounds were curing then, and we sitting together;
The heavy smoke of the battle's fury, was brushed out of our eyes.
It was the same old battle-scarred clan out of the ages, we saw about us then;
It was the Spirit of *Living Brotherhood* went flowing from heart to heart surely, and we talking.

—J. O. VARIAN.

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